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SIXTY-FOUR THAI AND 44 LAO PRISONERS WERE RELEASED BY THE PATHET LAO AT PHONG SAVAN IN COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED TERRITORY ON THE PLAINE DES JARRES, THE SITE OF THE INITIAL EXCHANGE TEN DAYS EARLIER. THIS RAISES THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PRISONERS THUS FAR

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REPATRIATED BY THE LAO COMMUNISTS TO 214 THAI, 64 LAO, AND 1 AMERICAN--CIVILIAN CONTRACT PILOT EMMET KAY. THE NON-COMMUNIST SIDE RELEASED ALL OF ITS CAPTIVES--173 NORTH VIETNAMESE AND 7 LAO--ON SEPTEMBER 19.4

NO PRECISE DATE HAS [redacted]BEEN SET FOR THE NEXT SERIES OF RELEASES WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE IN THE LUANG PRABANG AND PAKSONG SECTORS OF NORTHWESTERN AND SOUTHERN LAOS.

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